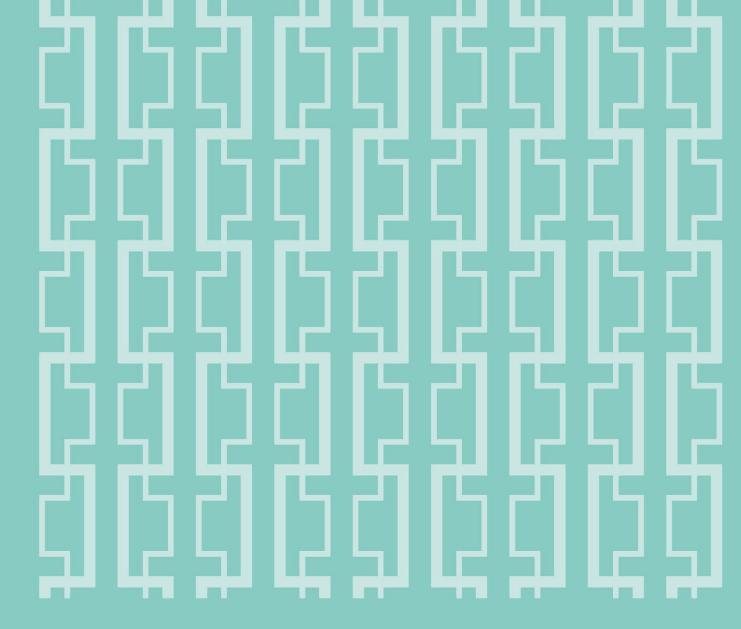
Waltham Forest Outbreak Management Plan

March 2021





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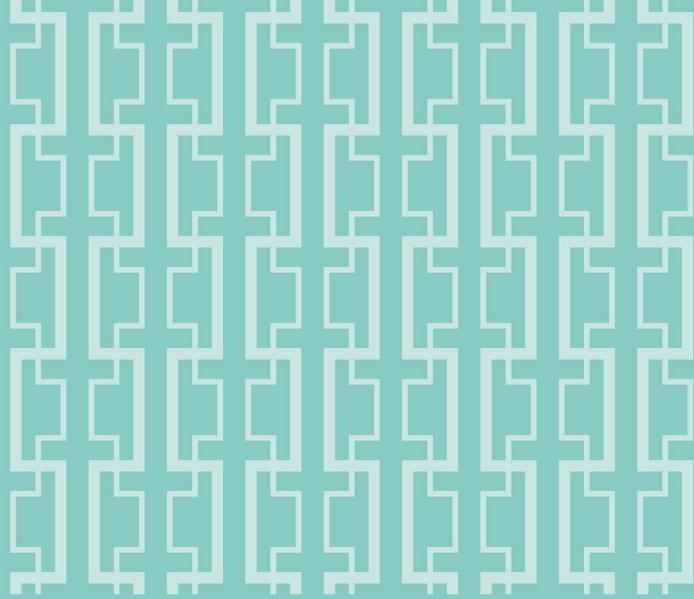
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Overview





### Introduction



Over the past year, we have had to face many challenges due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the ensuing lockdowns. The role of Local Authorities has changed significantly. We now have a central role delivering Community Testing across the Borough; wide ranging Covid Safe enforcement powers in partnership with Police colleagues; and now supporting the role out of and access to vaccinations.

COVID-19 has highlighted every positive attribute of our borough. The generosity of our residents, the strength of our communities and the resolve of our most vulnerable. The response from communities locally has been nothing short of inspiring.

With the publication of the Government 'Road Map' we are moving out of the third lockdown, but the pandemic is not over. Looking forward, supporting the roll out of the vaccination programme with our NHS and Community partners is our biggest priority because it will ensure the safety and health of everyone in the borough. Our borough is one of the most diverse in London, and we recognise that many communities are particularly at risk. That is why we seek to ensure we address issues of inequalities, access and outcomes at every stage.

As part of the wider national Test and Trace programme, local Authorities have been asked to build on existing Local Outbreak Management plans. Avoiding outbreaks and managing them when they occur is essential for everyone in Waltham Forest. This plan sets out how we will achieve the goal of managing sporadic local COVID-19 surges by testing, tracking and tracing, and supporting the roll out of vaccinations. It outlines the measures we have taken and will take to get potential future localised outbreaks under control including in schools, care homes, workplaces and wider community settings. It will allow us to maintain and improve the health of our communities and to ensure an effective response to any possible rise in COVID-19 cases in Waltham Forest.

Waltham Forest residents have been key to support the response to the COVID-19 crisis. The dedication and compassion of volunteers were essential to protect the most vulnerable among us. We are again counting on your cooperation in implementing this Local Outbreak Management Plan.

ALL TOGETHER WALTHAM FOREST, WE CAN AND WILL BEAT THIS PANDEMIC.





### The Story So Far | Key Achievements over the Past Year

7

community testing static sites

launched

4

local testing sites supported

Chingford Leisure
Centre &
Walthamstow Library

set up to support vaccinations

Over 79K tests

carried out across settings

£39K

raised through community networks for local organisations

£67K

raised to support residents over the Christmas period

**2325** metres

of pavement & suspended footway parking adapted to support social distancing

75 member

citizen panel set up to inform & shape our response to Covid

**70** council staff

trained as vaccinators

Information produced in

13 languages

3400

food parcels

for residents

**260K** 

food items

delivered to Foodbanks supporting

2000 households

We have recruited 'Stay Safe' & 'Play Safe' Champions who have provided advice & information to residents, distributing

108K masks

3600

volunteer hours

supporting vaccine sites

Local Contact Tracing Service launched October 2020 with

3800 referrals

64,651

vaccinations delivered

(as of 07/03/21)

70K views

of vaccine webinars

**180K** recipients

of Covid e-newsletter

local community paper to

97K homes





### **Moving Forward | Our Mission Statement**

Looking forward, we remain committed to our mission statement:

In Waltham Forest, preventing COVID-19 and supporting the roll out of vaccinations will be our top priority.

Working with our local partners and diverse communities, we will work to ensure that residents, organisations and businesses have the information they need to take responsible action to protect their health and that of our most vulnerable residents. Through deepening our work with our communities we will allay concerns and provide extra support where needed.

In the event of an outbreak, our preparations mean we will be ready to take urgent action to manage and contain this quickly, knowing how to reach those we need to. We will continually learn from data and our residents' experiences to improve our approach to help save lives and protect freedoms across the borough.





# **Moving Forward | Our Key Commitments**



Support the roll out of vaccinations by working with NHS partners, providing testing venues, support staff and training vaccinators



Support the safe reopening of economic and social life in the Borough



Use the representative citizen panel to test and improve our approach to Covid and enable greater engagement



Identify and prioritise the reduction of inequalities in both access to support and health outcomes related to COVID-19 and more broadly



Supporting schools and early years settings to re-open, stay open and stay safe



Continue to link and work closely with local, regional and national partners to share learning and strengthen our approach

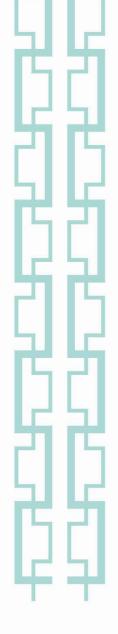


Continue to develop our comprehensive testing offer to protect citizens and the most vulnerable



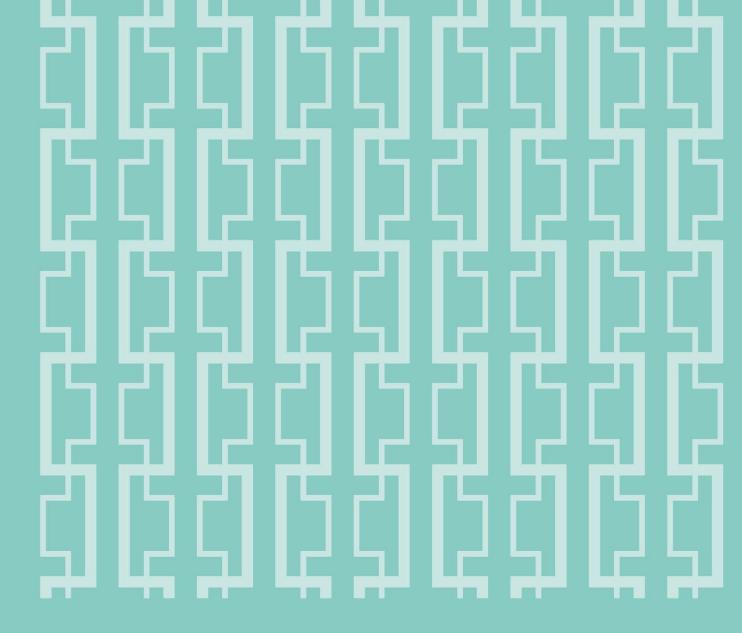
Continue to recruit and enable 'stay safe/play safe' champions

We will continue use these champions to share information and engage with communities including those who are harder to reach





Our Principles





## **Our Principles**

The Waltham Forest Outbreak Management Plan is underpinned by the National 9 specific areas of focus and planning themes (see appendix one).

In addition to this, we are going further with our Waltham Forest principles to plan for, prevent and manage outbreaks in the best way possible for our community.

THE WALTHAM FOREST OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN HAS THREE DEFINING PRINCIPLES:



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

For this plan to succeed we have to communicate with, hear from and work with local communities



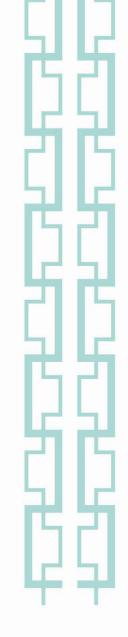
#### **PREVENTION**

A focus on active prevention supporting and enabling communities, residents and organisations with vaccinations, testing, advice, information, guidance and support



#### **REVIEW & IMPROVE**

The plan will remain 'live' evolving in response to changes in national and local science, data, policy and experience of Covid-19





# Principle One | Community Engagement & Communication

### For this plan to succeed we have to communicate with, hear from and work with local communities.

### **KEY ACHEIVEMENTS SO FAR**

Recruited Stay safe and Play Safe Champions trained to engage with our communities to:

- Provide Covid advice, information and signposting and promote vaccination and testing particularly amongst hard to reach communities
- They have provided over 108,000 masks to residents, visitors and businesses
- On-line webinars and engagement
- · Engaging community and faith leaders in on line events.

Created a representative citizens panel of 75 residents to help shape our approach to Covid.

Waltham Forest News reaches 97,000 homes.

Between Sept 2020 and Feb 2021 resident satisfaction with council communication increased from 87% to 92%

Information produced in 13 languages and a range of communication channels utilised

16 page leaflets covering staying safe, testing and vaccinations have been circulated twice

Twice weekly news letters sent to 180,000 e-mail recipients and routinely opened by 60,000 recipient's

### **ACTIONS & PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD**

- Communicate with local communities about the effects of long Covid and the wider impact of Covid
- Continue to engage our 'Stay Safe/Play Safe Champions' help share information, link with communities and businesses
- Hold webinars to communicate Covid related topics and to reach communities and customers e.g. local businesses
- Target and share preventative information with harder to reach groups through social media platforms, advertising campaigns, community centres, and trusted community voices.
- Continue to engage our representative citizen panel to test and improve our communications approach
- Continue to share with NEL partners to enable shared learning and support collaborative communication campaigns

Ensure our key public health messaging around vaccination, testing, staying safe and dispelling myths is widely disseminated across the borough.

Translate our core messages into 12 languages spoken in the borough and shared in community spaces

- Work with Local Business to promote 'stay safe' messages as the economy re-opens
- Align local messaging with partnership, pan London and National campaigns

Engage and inform hardest to reach groups such as BAME communities, using the results of our public health data, resident insight surveys and community engagement forums to inform this approach.





### **Principle Two | Prevention**

A focus on active prevention supporting and enabling communities, residents and organisations with information, guidance and advice.

#### **KEY ACHEIVEMENTS SO FAR**

We have developed a comprehensive testing offer across the Borough:

- Seven Community testing LFD static sites ensuring availability across the Borough
- Recruiting 130 testing operatives
- Supporting four Local PCR testing sites
- Establishing a wide ranging testing in settings approach, supporting the most vulnerable in our community
- Developing the new Community Collect home testing offer
- Carrying out over 79,000 LFD tests

Establishing a team of 40 officers across a range of services to carry out Covid audit and compliance checks, working 7 days a week.

October 2020 establishing our local Contact Tracing service with over 3800 referrals

### **ACTIONS & PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD**

Work with settings to implement effective LFD testing. This will include targeting vulnerable groups and staff and volunteers who support them, and supporting businesses in the Borough as the economy re-opens.

Continue to work in partnership with police, health and community colleagues e.g. the CCG and others to offer information, data sharing and enforcement

Regular Public Health monitoring of epidemiological data to identify emerging local risks of increased infection at the earliest opportunity and act on intelligence





### **Principle Two | Prevention**

### **KEY ACHEIVEMENTS**

Extensive communication and engagement with our communities to deliver key messages about:

- Staying safe (hands, face, space)
- Promote Testing and Vaccination

The distribution of over 180,000 masks

Adapted over 2,325 meters of pavement and suspended footway parking in various locations to make social distancing easier.

We are providing buildings for vaccinations (Chingford Leisure Centre and Libraries)

Over 70 council staff trained as vaccinators

Over 3600 of volunteers to support vaccine sites

### **ACTIONS & PRIORITIES**

Maintain an active list of potential high risk places and locations to disseminate information

Ensure all settings aware of Single Point of Contact arrangements to identify and contain outbreaks as quickly as possible

Continue to public health data to identify hard to reach groups and areas of inequality e.g. rates of Covid infection, testing and vaccine take-up

Provide webinars for local settings to support infection prevention planning as the 'Road map' is implemented and the economy and communities open up

Continue to target priorities, resources and activities to population groups with the highest need and support the implementation of the Covid-19 response 'Road Map'

Working with all local businesses. Supporting them to establish LFD testing, wider advice and information, and run economically viable but safe businesses





### Principle Three | Review & Improve

The plan will remain 'live', evolving in response to changes in national and local science, data, policy and experience of Covid-19.

#### **KEY ACHEIVEMENTS**

Using insights from the monthly Community Engagement forum to shape our response.

A Quality Assurance and Lessons Learned process for testing in settings and review of the impact of our community testing sites to ensure they are in the right place and best use of testing resources.

Co-production and testing in settings, this allows a constant review and improve approach whilst implementing.

Weekly engagement with Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) leads to ensure alignment between national and local approaches, and to focus on specific Borough requirements.

Weekly meetings with North East London (NEL) partners to share information, knowledge and learning.

Weekly review of Covid related data, for example rates of infection; testing rates, Borough demographics and vaccination roll out shaping our operational response.

### **ACTIONS & PRIORITIES**

Use the insights from monthly community engagement meetings to improve our approach

Regularly review (quality assurance and 'lessons Learned) our testing offer across the Borough.

Working in partnership with local, regional and national partners to share knowledge and experience and implement relevant findings locally

Continue weekly NEL meetings have been established to share information and best practice including use in outbreak situations

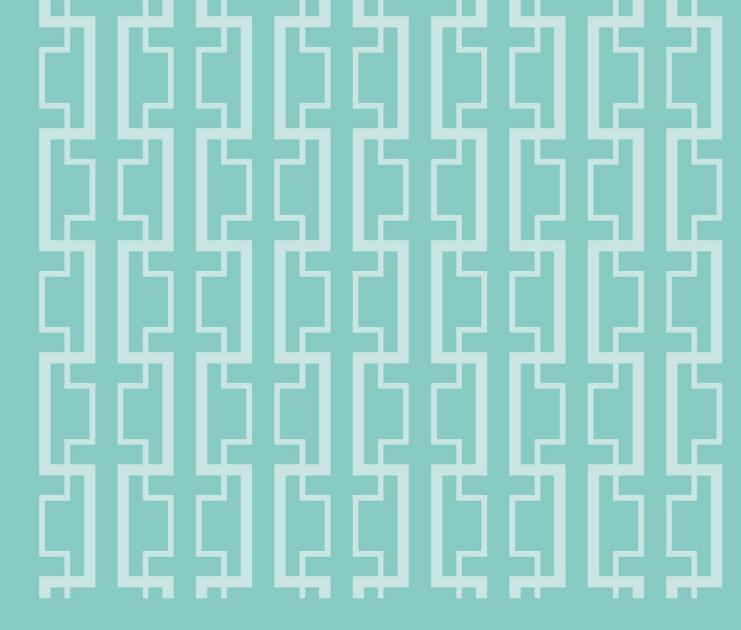
Review and implement learning from service development and implementation and outbreak response with partners

Promotion of the 'Five Steps to Safer Working Together' self-certification





Local Outbreak Management Plan





### Focus on Vaccination

### Supporting the roll out of the vaccine in Waltham Forest is the Councils number one priority.

Through working with colleagues in health we are committed to ensuring that:

- All residents in the borough are offered the vaccine in line with government timeframes
- There is equality of access to receiving the vaccine
- There is continued dialogue with all communities to build confidence and encourage take up
- GP settings are freed up to return to primary care activities

We are doing this by providing support across five key workstreams:



#### **Buildings & Facilities**

The Council is providing
Chingford Leisure Centre &
Walthamstow Library as two
vaccination centres ensuring
ease of access for all of our
residents & reducing pressure
on health settings



#### **Staffing & Volunteers**

Operational support for the running of vaccine sites is being provided through London Borough Waltham Forest staff and the Legends of the Forest

We are also committed to keeping our residents safe by offering vaccines to all front line council and care staff



#### **Trained Vaccinators**

London Borough Waltham Forest staff are training as vaccinators and will be available for deployment across all vaccination sites



#### **Comms & Outreach**

A targeted communications campaign encouraging all residents in the borough to have the vaccine when the opportunity comes

Working with partners to ensure residents know about when they will receive the vaccine as well as updates on progress in the borough



vaccinations delivered

(published 07/03/21)



#### Pop Ups

Using best available insight and local knowledge the Council is committed to supporting pop up vaccination clinics to maximise outreach





### **Focus on Testing**

Testing for COVID-19 infection has been and is a crucial part of our approach to identify and manage outbreaks effectively. From December 2020 we have developed at pace a comprehensive and wide ranging testing offer in the Borough.

There are three key elements:

# PCR Testing

Supporting four PCR test sites.
Facilitating access to PCR
testing for those with
symptoms

# Community Testing

Establishing six LFD
Community testing sites
Community LFD Testing at
scale for those without
symptoms.

# Testing in Settings

Supporting LFD testing in 'Settings'
(where people live or visit) targeting
support for our most vulnerable
residents, the people who support them,
and hard to reach groups or communities

PCR

'Polymerase Chain Reaction' - Testing for people with symptoms of Covid'

LFD

'Lateral Flow Device' - Testing for people who are asymptomatic, showing no symptoms of Covid'.

- ✓ We have carried out over 79,656 LFD tests (published 28/03/21)
- ✓ We have and are providing testing support for vulnerable people and staff in a range of settings e.g. Residential Care Homes, Schools, Extra Care Housing, supporting people who are homeless or rough sleeping and Drug & Alcohol services.
- Testing advice and support for businesses to be Covid Safe, crucially as economic life in the Borough begins to recover.
- ✓ We are well placed to roll out the emerging 'Community Collect' (home testing) offer and innovatively use this to engage 'hard to reach' groups and communities e.g. faith based settings.





### **Focus on Contact Tracing**

Contact Tracing is essential to support the reduction of virus transmission by ensuring people who have tested positive for Covid, and those at risk of developing it, are isolated and unable to pass it on to other members of the community. There are two elements to Contact Tracing: National and Local. On 28th October 2020 we launched our local contact tracing service to complement the existing national service. Our aim is to increase our success rate in reaching cases, identifying contacts and supporting Local Residents.







1

Positive test outcome

2

Picked up by the national contact tracing service. They will try to contact the person within a 24 hour period and/or x 10 calls. If not able to contact, the person is considered 'hard to reach' and the contact is passed to the Local Authority contact tracing service

3.

The local service tries to contact the person(s) and provide advice, information and support about self isolation, and pass on a referral for direct service support where required.

7

Day a week service operating from **07:00 – 19:00** 

20

Trained customer resolution centre staff

3800

National referrals received with **50%** successfully reached and supported





### **Focus on Enforcement**

Responsibility for enforcing social distancing regulations was given to local authorities and the police, for example the council is actively enforcing compliance amongst businesses, and police in the Borough act against individuals. The purpose is to encourage everyone to play their part, reduce the risk of spreading infection, protect the NHS and save lives. We have strong partnership arrangements with police colleagues to ensure compliance with the Covid rules, using the 4 E's approach:

#### **ENGAGING**

- We share intelligence with the Police and provided mutual support to enforce our respective legal powers. These arrangements will continue.
- We have completed thousands of setting and premises audits and compliance visits.
- As we emerge from Lockdown and the 'Road Map' is implemented a core responsibility will be to support businesses to re-open safely.

#### **EXPLAINING**

• Wherever possible we take a intelligence-led and risk-based approach.

#### **ENCOURAGING**

- We have supported businesses in the Borough, particularly small and medium enterprises, to be Covid-safe and compliance with the rules e.g. work place adaptations to reduce risk to employees, visitors and customers.
- We are particularly focusing on the hospitality industry, a key area of employment in the Borough, to support them to reopen safely.

#### **ENFORCING**

- We established a team of officers to carry out Covid audit and compliance checks.
- We have developed and implemented a joint protocol with the police around Unlicensed Music Events [UMEs] or raves.
- Where compliance has not been followed we have closed businesses until they have taken the required measures.





### Focus on Local Outbreak Support

Within Waltham Forest, we are now very experienced in supporting settings, such as schools, care homes and workplaces, when they have both individual cases and larger outbreaks of COVID.

#### **SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS**

Notification of COVID case or cases into Single Point of Contact (SPoC) (public.health@walthamforest.gov.uk), or via LCRC. SPOC is covered 7 days per week, by duty Public Health Consultant, supported by Public Health Strategists.

#### **TRIAGE**

Response and support will be shaped by the numbers of cases, types of setting and other circumstances. More complex situations would involve a partnership Incident Management Team meeting.

#### **INITIAL SUPPORT**

- Completion of Risk Assessment
- Advice around testing, isolation, cleaning, restrictions on activity
- Quality Check on how settings have followed national guidance

#### **FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT**

- · Facilitating access to Testing
- Infection Control advice from professionals
- Health and Safety Assessments
- Support in Isolation
- · Advice around messaging

#### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC)
- Education
- Adult Social Care/Commissioning
- Infection Prevention and Control Nurses
- Health and Safety Professionals
- Environmental Health Officers
- Communications
- Contact Tracing
- Community Testing





If your workplace, place of worship, school, nursery, care home or any other setting/organisation has had contact with someone with COVID, please notify **public.health@walthamforest.gov.uk** to receive direct support.

### Focus on Inequalities



In common with the rest of London Covid-19 has exacerbated health inequalities and secondary impact. These inequalities have been seen in both the health outcomes including higher rates of infection, and deaths from COVID-19, and in the access to and take up of testing and vaccinations e.g. residents who identified as Asian make up 21% of our population but represented 29% of cases of Covid infection (01/11/20 - 17/03/21)



During the national lockdowns school closures exacerbated existing inequalities as parents were required to support remote schooling. This has exposed a significant educational divide due to widespread reports of many families from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and/or from Black and Minority Ethnic groups, lacking sufficient and appropriate technology; and having less ability to support home learning due to work circumstances and other pressures.



Covid and the lockdown responses to it has had a significant impact on the Boroughs economic wellbeing. In December 2020, 10.2% of Waltham Forest residents were receiving unemployment benefits, more than three times more than in February 2020.



Aside from increased vulnerability to COVID, people with a disability have also been disproportionately impacted by Covid restrictions in terms of their wellbeing, especially those shielding. During the first lockdown of the pandemic, a Waltham Forest residents survey showed that limiting long-term illness were significantly more likely to report a negative impact on their mental and physical health, their diet, relationships with others in their household and how connected they feel to their community.





### **Focus on Inequalities**

#### **KEY ACHEIVEMENTS SO FAR**

Communication and engagement; use of differing communication channels, voices from different communities, translating material into 13 languages.

Engagement with faith Based Groups to implement testing for 'hard to reach' groups and deliver key messages about vaccination.

Engagement with a 75 member citizens panel with representatives from across our community to shape our response to Covid.

Supporting schools, vulnerable students and children of essential workers. The Borough funded and provided capital funding for laptops and tablets for students and households classed as 'vulnerable' on top of the DfE allocation.

In response to the economic hardships caused and exacerbated by Covid we have delivered over 3400 food parcels to residents.

Since October 2020 we have provided over 260,000 individual food items to our partnered foodbanks, and foodbanks are providing meals to over 2000 households a week in response to the increase demand for their services.

We are allocating the discretionary grant to people suffering economic hardship as a result of self-isolation.

Through our community networks we raised £39,000 for local organisations providing support for residents and over £67,000 through crowd funding to support residents over the winter period and over Christmas.

### **ACTIONS & PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD**

Focus on addressing inequalities in testing and vaccine provision and takeup across BAME families and communities and tackling myths and misinformation.

Targeting vulnerable communities as part of the development of testing in settings approach e.g. people with a Learning Disability, homeless and rough sleepers, BAME communities and working in partnership with settings to bespoke the testing offer.

Strong focus on work with local Faith Forum, and other routes for working with Places of Worship, and to harness their voices and influence for testing and vaccination take-up.

Strong consideration of inequalities in decisions made around location of testing sites, with priority given to areas of higher deprivation, hard to reach groups or with higher population from high-need communities.

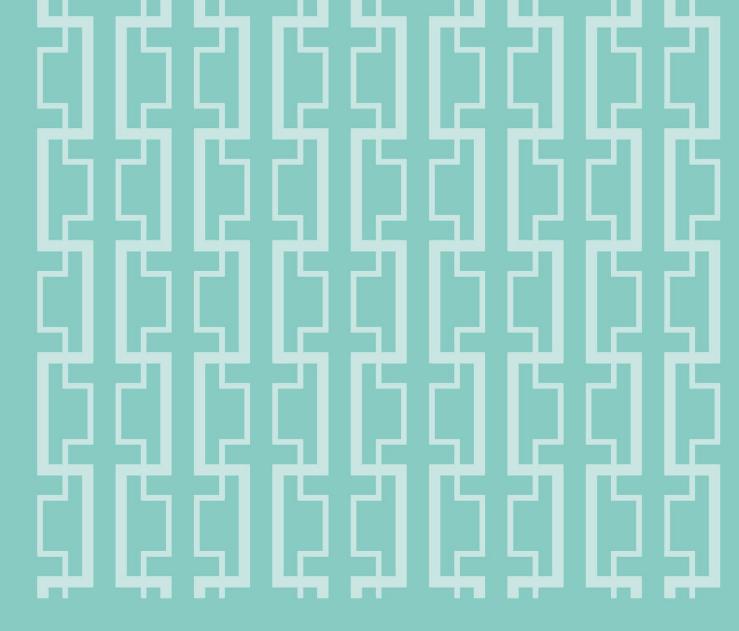
To support the economic wellbeing of the Borough we have supported and continue to support businesses to re-open and operate safely, supporting the national testing offer, providing advice and information, and delivering a proactive and supportive enforcement approach.

Implementation of Local Contact Tracing Partnership, and our greater ability to reach into our communities that are less likely to engage with national service.





Appendix One National Areas of Focus





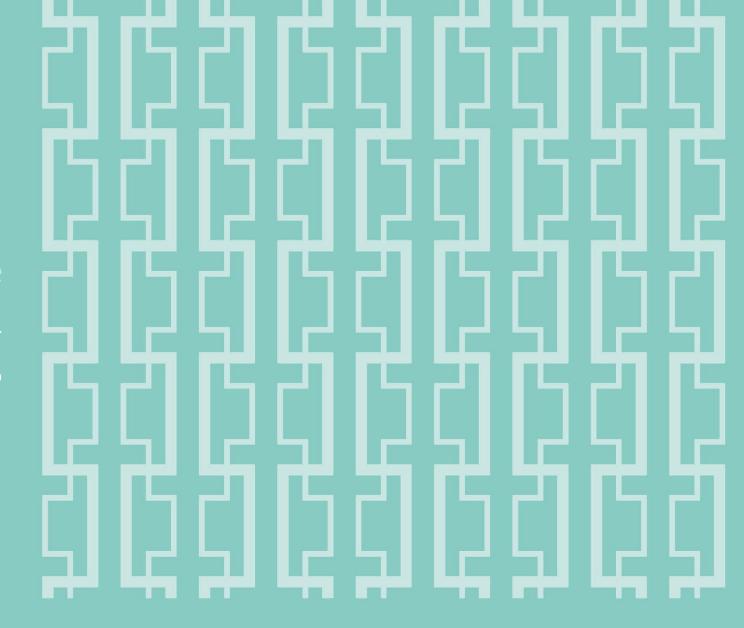
### **National Areas of Focus**

<ul> <li>Asymptomatic testing at scale.</li> <li>Optimising testing capacity.</li> <li>Adapting the testing offer to target hard to reach groups.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CONTACT TRACING</li> <li>The deployment of local tracing partnerships.</li> <li>The deployment of Enhanced Contact Tracing and risky venue alerts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SELF-ISOLATION</li> <li>The local tailoring of communications and their targeting.</li> <li>Tackling those local employers that aren't supporting self-isolation.</li> <li>Practical and emotional wrap-around support to those self-isolating.</li> <li>Enabling people to self isolate.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>SURVEILLANCE</li> <li>The use of data, including from the NHS COVID-19 app and waste water analysis.</li> <li>Intelligence sharing.</li> </ul>	OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT & VOC  Surge capacity management locally to respond to outbreaks, including of a VOC.	<ul> <li>ENDURING TRANSMISSION</li> <li>Measures to address enduring transmission by sector/locality/region.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>COVID SAFE</li> <li>Testing and non testing initiatives to enable the reopening of social and economic life.</li> <li>Promotion of NPIs like handwashing, face coverings and maintaining space.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>VACCINES</li> <li>Measures to improve vaccine uptake locally.</li> <li>Linkages between vaccine roll out and testing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RESOURCING</li> <li>Capacity management to deliver on all aspects of the plan.</li> <li>Management of the impacts of the resumption of BAU activities and or the end of temporary contracts.</li> </ul>





Appendix One National, Regional & Local Responsibilities





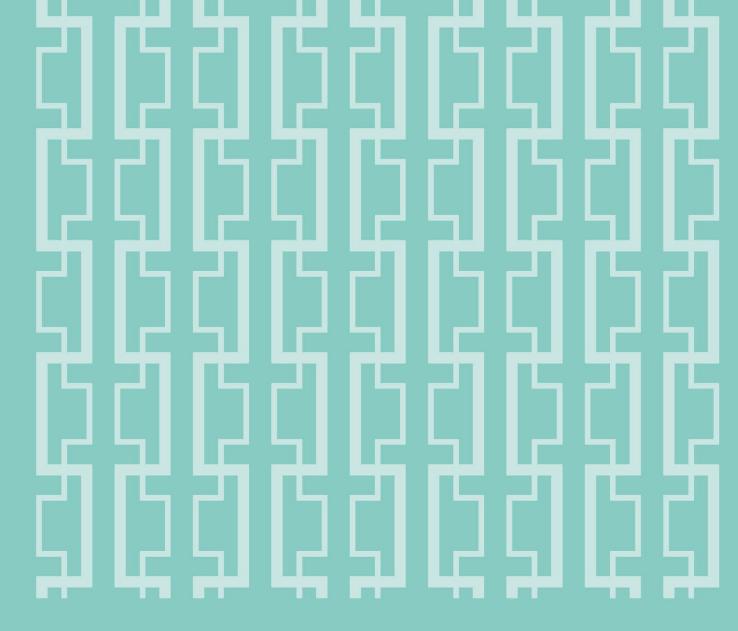
# Local, Regional & National Roles

LEVEL	PLACE-BASED LEADERSHIP	PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP
LOCAL	LA CE, in partnership with DPH and PHE HPT  A. Sign off the Outbreak Management Plan led by the DPH  B. Bring in wider statutory duties of the LA (eg DASS, DCS, CEHO) and multi-agency intelligence as needed  C. Hold the Member-Led Covid-19 Engagement Board (or other chosen local structure)	<ul> <li>DPH with the PHE HPT together</li> <li>A. Produce and update the Outbreak Management Plan and engage partners (DPH Lead)</li> <li>B. Review the data on testing and tracing and Vaccine uptake data</li> <li>C. Manage specific outbreaks through the outbreak management teams including rapid deployment of testing</li> <li>D. Provide local intelligence to and from LA and PHE to inform tracing activity</li> <li>E. DPH Convenes DPH-Led Covid-19 Health Protection Board (a regular meeting that looks at the outbreak management and epidemiological trends in the place )</li> <li>F. Ensure links to LRF/SCG</li> </ul>
REGIONAL	<ul> <li>Regional team PHE, JBC, T&amp;T, London councils and ADPH lead</li> <li>A. Support localities when required when required on outbreaks or specific cases or enduring transmission or substantial cross-boundary</li> <li>B. Engage NHS Regional Director and ICSs</li> <li>C. Link with Combined Authorities and LRF/SCGs</li> <li>D. Have an overview of risks issues and pressures across the region especially cross-boundary issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PHE Regional Director with the ADPH Regional lead together</li> <li>A. Oversight of the all contain activity, epidemiology and Health Protection issues across the region including vaccine uptake</li> <li>B. Prioritisation decisions on focus for PHE resource with Las or sub regions</li> <li>C. Sector-led improvement to share improvement and learning</li> <li>D. Liaison with the national level</li> </ul>
NATIONAL	Contain SRO and PHE/JBC Director of Health Protection  A. National oversight for wider place  B. Link into Joint Biosecurity Centre especially on the wider intelligence and data sources	PHE/JBC Director of Health Protection (including engagement with CMO)  A. National oversight identifying sector specific and cross-regional issues that need to be considered  B. Specialist scientific issues e.g. Genome Sequencing  C. Epidemiological data feed and specialist advice into Joint Biosecurity Centre



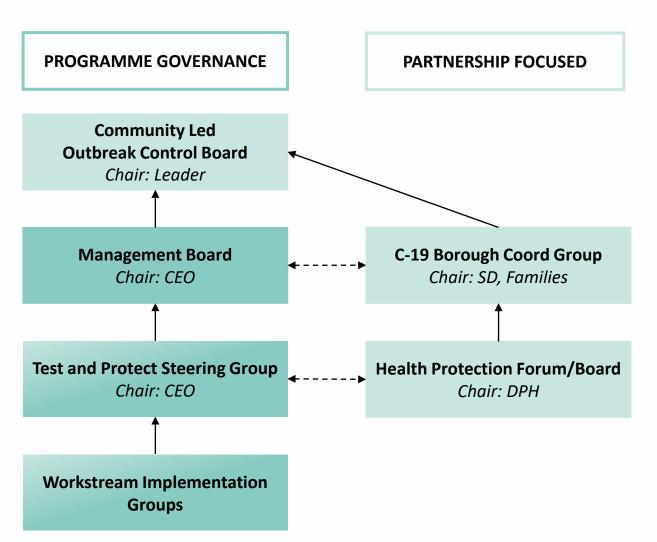


Appendix Two Governance





# Governance | Structure & Frequency

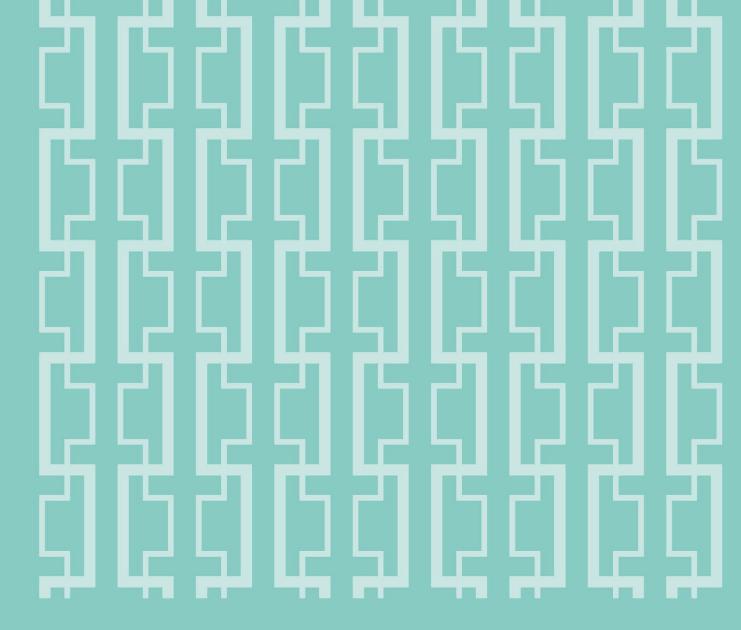


GOVERNANCE FORUM	CHAIR	FREQUENCY (NOT LESS THAN)
Community Led Local Outbreak Control Board	Leader of the Council, or nominated Deputy	Monthly
Council's Management Board	LBWF CEO	Weekly
COVID-19 Borough Coordination Group	LBWF Strategic Director, Families	Weekly
Test and Protect Steering Group	LBWF CEO	Fortnightly
COVID-19 Health Protection Board	LBWF Director Public Health	Fortnightly
Workstream Implementation Groups	Various	As agreed





Appendix Three
Data & Surveillance





### **Data | Surveillance Sources Used**

In order to ensure that the Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is data driven and able to be reactive to the situation in Waltham Forest, a variety of data sources are used to ensure that as complete a picture is available to inform operational decisions.

DATA	SOURCE	FREQUENCY
Individual level case data with demographic information	PHE	Daily
Individual level testing data for negative, positive & void tests	PHE	Daily
Individual level contact tracing data for cases & contacts	PHE	Daily
Vaccine uptake by age, ethnicity and gender	PHE	3 times per week
Deaths data for all causes and deaths with COVID-19	PHE/ONS	Daily PHE numbers at borough level  Weekly ONS numbers at borough level  Monthly ONS individual data
Wastewater analysis for COVID-19 prevalence	The Joint Biosecurity Centre & Thames Water	TBC





## **Data | Surveillance Reporting**

The various surveillance measures are reported regularly to decision makers in a variety of different ways to ensure information available is timely and relevant.

REPORT NAME	FREQUENCY & MEETING	
Weekly COVID-19 update	Weekly parts of the report are seen at meetings at all stages of the governance structure, including Management Board, COVID-19 Health Protection Board and Borough Coordination Group throughout each week.	
Intelligence report for management board	Weekly case numbers, vaccinations, and hospitalisations are regularly reported here.	
Weekly vaccination update	Weekly report to internal operational vaccine and external groups.	
Enhanced local contact tracing	Daily cases who cannot be contacted by national test and trace team are passed through via a report to a local team to be contacted.	
Public COVID-19 dashboard	Daily accessible to public at <a href="https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/covid-19-data-dashboard">www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/covid-19-data-dashboard</a>	
Internal COVID-19 dashboard	<b>Daily</b> update of key information for internal staff, used by comms and various board members	



